



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 1773
Examiner : Nikolas J. Uhler
Serial No. : 09/646,198
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Inventors : Mitsuji Matsui
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Title : SURFACE TREATING METHOD
 : FOR LIGHT-METAL CASTINGS
 : AND VEHICLE ALUMINUM
 : WHEEL SURFACE-TREATED
 : BY THE SAME METHOD

Customer No. 035811

Docket No.: 1419-00

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CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim an additional one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated February 24, 2003, from July 24, 2003, to August 24, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$520.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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